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SUBJECT: ATTEMPT OPEN PRG OFFICE GENEVA

REF: (A) SAIGON 14883; (B) SAIGON 14907

1. AMBASSADOR AN CALLED THIS MORNING TO TELL ME ESSENTIALLY INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTELS. HE HAD LITTLE TO ADD THAT WE HAD NOT ALREADY REPORTED CONCERNING POSSIBLE OPENING PRG OFFICE IN GENEVA. AMBASSADOR AN IS QUITE AWARE OF POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS WHICH COULD RESULT FROM ESTABLISHMENT SUCH OFFICE AND ASKED FOR OUR SUPPORT IN APPROACHING FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT TO REVERSE WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS "DECISION" WHICH WILL BE REFERRED TO FEDERAL COUNCIL "VERY SOON." HE ADDED THAT HE THOUGHT PRG PURPOSE IN OVERALL EFFORT WAS TO PARTICIPATE INITIALLY IN FEBRUARY HUMANITARIAN LAW CONFERENCE GENEVA. ONLY NEW INFO HE REPORTED BEYOND OUR 4418, NOV 25, 1974 WAS THAT DECISION TAKEN TO REFER MATTER TO FEDERAL COUNCIL.

2. WE ARE, OF COURSE, PREPARED TO MAKE URGENT REPRESENTATIONS ON INSTRUCTIONS TO SWISS GOVERNMENT ON THIS SUBJECT BUT BELIEVE "HEART OF THE MATTER" IS TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT UN
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SYG WALDHEIM HAS DONE AND RESULT U.S. REPRESENTATIONS TO

HIM BEFORE WE OFFICIALLY MAKE REPRESENTATION TO SWISS. AS INDICATED IN OUR PREVIOUS REPORTING, WE HAVE INFORMALLY USED MOST OF THE ARGUMENTS AVAILABLE TO US APPARENTLY WITHOUT INFLUENCING THEIR DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. IN ANY PRESENTATION WE MAKE OFFICIALLY TO THEM WE MUST KNOW MUCH MORE PRECISELY WHAT UN SYG HAS DONE, AND WHAT HIS REACTIONS TO U.S. REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE IT IS DIFFICULT TO INFLUENCE THE SWISS WHOSE POSITION, HOWEVER RATIONALIZED, IS BASED ON FACT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN "ASKED" TO ACCORD SOME POSITION TO A PRG OFFICE BY UN SYG HIMSELF EVEN IF THROUGH WINSPEARE'S AGENCY.

3. WE AGREE, THEREFORE, WITH PARA 5 SAIGON'S 14883 THAT KEY POINT AT THIS TIME IS DEMARCH TO WALDHEIM.
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